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BEGIN SUMMARY: GUICCIARDI SCHEDULED DEPART JAKARTA

JAN. 27, FOLLOWING FURTHER TALKS WITH MALIK AND

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APPARENT ABORTED EFFORT TO VISIT FRETILIN-CONTROLLED

AREA OF PT. GUICCIARDI REMAINED PUBLICLY RETICENT ON CONCLUSIONS OF HIS PT VISIT, THOUGH ALI MURTOPO CAMP CLAIMING RESULTS GENERALLY FAVORABLE. FURTHER FRETILIN LOSSES, INCLUDING DARWIN RADIO TRANSMITTER AND PT TOWNS OF BOBONARO AND VIQUEQUE REPORTED BY VARIOUS SOURCES. INDONESIAN EFFORTS OBTAIN SUPPORT ON PT FROM RECENT ARAB AND SRI LANKA VISITORS MET WITH INDIFFERENT RESULTS, INDICATING CONTINUING GOI DIFFICULTY WITH NON-ALIGNEDS OVER PT ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

1. UN SECGEN EMISSARY GUICCIARDI ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS SCHEDULED TO DEPART JAKARTA TODAY (JAN. 27) TO RRETURN NEW YORK. GUICCIARDI ARRIVED JAKARTA FROM BALI EVENING JAN. 23, HAD TALKS WITH FONMIN MALIK JAN. 24, AND REPORTEDLY CONSULTED BY TELEPHONE WITH WALDHEIM JAN. 26 BEFORE DETERMINING DEPARTURE DATE. PRESS REPORTS FROM CANBERRA THAT GOA JAN. 26 REFUSED (ON SECURITY GROUNDS) FRETILIN REQUEST TO PROVIDE AIRCRAFT TO FLY GUICCIARDI TO SAME IN FRETILIN-CONTROLLED AREA OF PT SUGGEST GUICCIARDI REMAINED IN JAKARTA UNTIL IT CLEAR HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT FRETILIN AREAS. FONDEPT ASIA PACIFIC DEPUTY STATED PRIVATELY JAN. 27 THAT AUSTRALIAN REFUSAL REFLECTS GOA "COOPERATION" ON TIMOR QUESTION.

2. GUICCIARDI AND GOI OFFICIALS MAINTAINED PUBLIC RETICENCE ABOUT RESULTS OF GUICCIARDI MISSION. GUICCIARDI COMMENTED TO PRESS ON RETURN FROM TIMOR ONLY THAT STATEMENTS OF PT PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS (WHO HE ACKNOWLEDGED CONSIDERED PT DE FACTO ALREADY MERGED WITH INDONESIA) WOULD BE INCLUDED IN HIS REPORT TO SECGEN AND THAT SECURITY IN DILI AND OTHER AREAS VISITED WAS GENERALLY GOOD (ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS REPORT, HE DENIED AUSTRALIAN PRESS REPORT THAT SHOOTING INCIDENT HAD OCCURRED WHILE HE WAS IN BACAU). HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS INFORMATION ON PT SITUATION WAS NOT YET COMPLETE, AND LEFT OPEN POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER VISITS. PRESS QUOTES FONMIN MALIK AS SAYING GOI PREPARED TO ASSIST IN ANY FOLLOW-UP VISITS.

3. COMMENT: ALI MURTOPO CAMP REPORTEDLY CLAIMING SATISFACTION WITH GUICCIARDI VISIT AND TO HAVE HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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PREVIEW OF REPORT WHICH THEY STATE WILL DESCRIBE PT AFFAIR AS ESSENTIALLY LOCAL PROBLEM IN POLITICALLY VERY PRIMITIVE AREA AND WILL COMMENT FAVORABLY ON CONDITIONS IN DILI, LACK OF EVIDENCE OF BATTLE DAMAGE AND VERY LITTLE VISIBLE INDONESIAN PRESENCE. WE REMAIN SKEPTICAL THAT FINAL GUICCIARDI REPORT WILL WHITEWASH GOI MILITARY INTERVENTION.

4. ONLY OTHER JAKARTA PRESS REPORTS OF PT DEVELOPMENTS ARE AUSTRALIAN-DATELINED ARTICLES JAN. 26-27 ON CONFISCATION BY GOA OF RADIO TRANSMITTER IN DARWIN RUN BY "CAMPAIGN FOR INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR." REPORTS STATE RADIO, WHICH USED TO MONITOR FRETILIN MESSAGES FROM TIMOR, CONFISCATED DUE LACK OF LICENSE. GOI SOURCES PRIVATELY CLAIM TOWNS OF BOBONARO IN WESTERN PT AND VIQUEQUE (DISTRICT CAPITAL) IN SOUTHEAST FELL TO PRO-INDONESIAN FORCES APPROX. JAN. 17 AND JAN. 24 RESPECTIVELY, FURTHER REDUCING FRETILIN-CONTROLLED AREA OF PT. SAME SOURCES CLAIM FRETILIN STRENGTH NOW APPROX. 1700 MEN, OF WHICH HALF DESCRIBED AS "GUERRILLA TYPES," AS AGAINST APPROX. 10,000 INDONESIAN "VOLUNTEERS".

5. ON INTERNATIONAL FRONT, INDONESIAN OVER PAST TEN DAYS HAS PICKED UP LUKEWARM STATEMENTS RE TIMOR FROM ARAB DELEGATES TO MOSLEM-SPONSORED JAKARTA SEMINAR ON INDONESIA-MID-EAST RELATIONS (JAKARTA 0993 NOTAL) AND VISITING SRI LANKA PREMIER BANDARANAIKE (JAKARTA 1113 NOTAL). FORMER GROUP WAS REPORTEDLY WILLING TO SUPPORT GOI PT POLICY (AS HAD LARGELY ARAB WORLD ISLAMIC CONGRESS WEEK BEFORE) BUT ULTIMATELY MADE ONLY NON-COMMITAL STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING GOI "DESIRE FOR SUPPORT" DUE TO GOI OPPOSITION TO SIMULTANEOUS CALL BY SEMINAR FOR OPENING OF PLO OFFICE IN JAKARTA. SRI LANKA, WHICH HAD VOTED AGAINST INDONESIA IN UNGA COMMITTEE DELIBERATION ON PT AND IS HOST TO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN AUGUST, WILLING ONLY TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR PT SOLUTION BASED ON "PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION" IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING BANDARANAIKE VISIT. COMMENT: GOI ABILITY TO MARSHAL SUPPORT FOR ITS PT POLICY AMONG NOMINAL NON-ALIGNED FRIENDS CONTINUES VERY LIMITED, AND RESULTING VULNERABILITY IN THIRD WORLD CAUCUSES IS CONFIDENTIAL

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